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4. JOHN RUSSELL
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6. RAY RICHARDS
8. ROBERTO VIERI
9. JIM ROONEY (Capt.)
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11. PETER SHARNE
13. STUART SELVAGE
14. MARK JANKOVICS
15. PETER BROGAN
18. MIKE BERRY
19. PETER OLLERTON
20. FABIO FABRIANESI

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SHORTS - WHITE  
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3. EDDIE THOMSON
4. STEVE O'CONNOR
5. HENRY MOWBRAY (Capt.)
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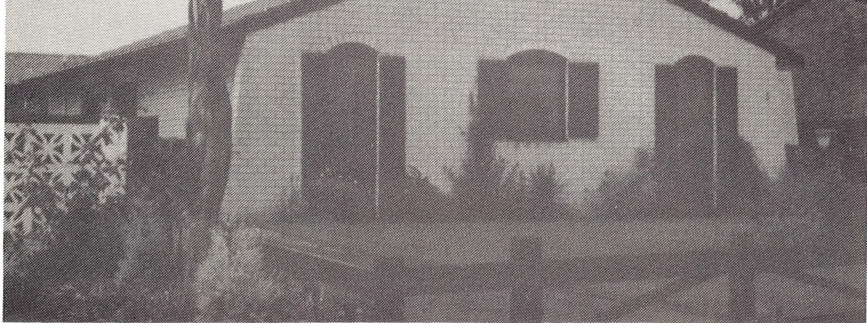
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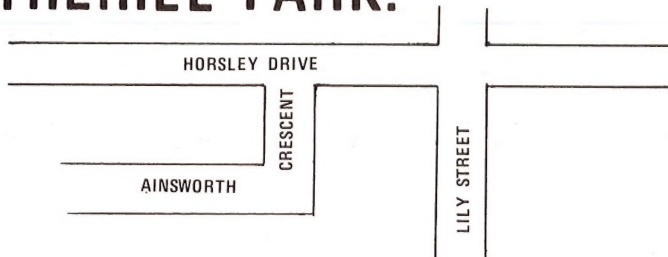


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## MY VIEW

by RALE RASIC.

*I usually get on very well with the men from the media. Sports writers have a job to do, often a difficult job. Team managers may often disagree with what these people write but we can still all live in harmony.*

*Recently, my friendship with writers and broadcasters has been severely tested. To be blunt I think the media, apart from a few exceptions, handled their comments badly after Marconi played Peter Sharne and Paul Degney against Footscray on the day before Australia met Greece.*

*A man called Steve Grant in the Melbourne 'Truth' (24/6/78), wrote ... Rules say a player cannot play for his club on the day before a representative match.*

**THERE IS NO SUCH RULE!**

*Mr. Grant also decided Marconi were lucky they did not have two points taken from them.*

**UNDER WHAT RULE?**

*He also said Rale Rasic was expected to be reprimanded.*

**WHY ME? IT WAS A DECISION BY MARCONI TO PLAY SHARNE AND DEGNEY.**

*Again, Mr. Grant said I was involved in an incident at Olympic Park last year when one of my players was sent off.*

**NO MARCONI PLAYER HAS BEEN SENT OFF AT OLYMPIC PARK.**

*Now, somebody called Tony Raciti in the Sydney 'Daily Telegraph' enters the scene. In his paper on June 18 - he claimed I had refused to comment on the Sharne-Degney affair.*

**I WAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY COMMENT. I DO NOT KNOW MR. RACITI.**

*On Saturday June 24, Bruce Waddell in the Brisbane 'Courier Mail' also had a go at Marconi.*

*He quoted Brisbane City's Guido Canale on the Sharne-Degney affair thus:*

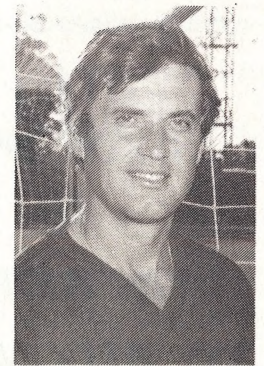
*"It's disgraceful. Marconi took advantage of every team in the League by defying the Australian Soccer Federation."*

*Waddell also wrote about Brisbane City coach Denis Ford losing all respect for Marconi as Marconi's action undermined the sporting nature of the code.*

*Finally, we're back to the Sydney 'Telegraph' and a story that Rale Rasic had been reported for allegedly complaining from the bench in the Brisbane City v Marconi match.*

**I WAS NOT REPORTED.**

*The 'Telegraph' was wrong. And I believe many other people and papers and TV stations have been wrong over this whole business.*



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## MARCONI Conquer All at Perry Park

by RALE RASIC.

*There was more pre-match tension at the Brisbane City v Marconi Philips League match than I've experienced since the memorable Australia v South Korea World Cup qualifying match in Hong Kong.*

*Without doubt, my team were regarded in Brisbane as the "bad boys" of Soccer. This was because of the Sharne-Degney affair of the previous weekend.*

*Marconi's players were concerned about all the adverse publicity. I was worried this might throw them off their normal game so, before the match at Perry Park, I had several serious talks with them. I warned them they were not playing only Brisbane City. They had many people against them.*

*In the first half, we were refused what looked a perfect goal when Peter Ollerton's effort was ruled not to have crossed the line.*

*Tension grew. Marconi's players worried. The match became very physical. I thought the home players were getting away with too much. Goalkeeper Allan Maher was constantly abused by spectators spitting at him.*

*Ollerton was booked for a foul. Ivo Prskalo asked the referee what was going on - and he, too, was booked. Gary Byrne also received a caution.*

*Much of the spitefulness was generated by pre-match publicity critical of Marconi yet, as the match developed, it was Brisbane City who found the pressures too much for them to handle.*

*Our first goal was magic, perfect creation by Sharne and Vieri allowing Ollerton the formality of putting the ball into the net.*

*Marconi's second goal was built up on the right by Byrne and Sharne. Ollerton headed on to the crossbar and Berti Mariani headed the rebound on to the bar before Roberto Vieri volleyed into the net.*

*Goal number three started in our half. It involved Degney, Ollerton and Vieri before Ollerton centred and Sharne scored with a brilliant goal.*

*I was proud of my players at Perry Park. They had to contend with so much. They came through magnificently.*

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## Meet the Visitors

*It is a pleasure today, to welcome Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, or Sydney City, the new name which has been adopted by Hakoah.*

*For many years, Hakoah has stood for quality in New South Wales Soccer. Though often supported by only a few hundred loyal fans, Hakoah has always paid its way, managed its affairs efficiently, and collected many of the honours in the code.*

*Last year, as we at Marconi know to our cost, Easts Hakoah became the first holders of the Philips Soccer League title. Hakoah beat Marconi for the honour only on goal difference but they played outstanding football all through the year and few people would begrudge them their PSL success.*

*Easts Hakoah is coached by Gerry Chaldi, a former international player from Israel. Chaldi has done a competent job since stepping into the chair vacated by David Maclaren. Now meet the Easts Hakoah players :*

**TODD CLARKE** - goalkeeper. *This South Australian was first choice for Australia until injury cost him the job, with Marconi's Allan Maher taking over. Clarke now seems to have thrown off his troublesome injury and will make Maher fight all the way for the position in the national team.*

**KEVIN MULLEN** - right-back. *Another Australian-born player, Mullen was developed in the Bankstown junior area before signing for Easts Hakoah eight years ago. Still only 24, Mullen is one of the toughest tacklers in the game and has been tipped to win international honours.*

**EDDIE THOMSON** - centre-half. *A big, strong, Scot who was captain of Aberdeen in the Scottish League. Had a season in the North American League with San Antonio Thunder. Has been in trouble with referees occasionally. Difficult to pass.*

**STEVE O'CONNOR** - centre-half. *Another big, strong, defender, O'Connor was born in Australia. During the past eight years, he has come through Easts minor grades to establish himself in the first X1. Age 23.*

**HENRY MOWBRAY** - left-back. *With no disrespect, Mowbray is regarded as the "old head" in the defence. Has a wealth of experience in his native Scotland and, in five years with Hakoah, has been a model of consistency. Team captain.*

**JOHN STEVENSON** - midfield. *Born in Scotland, Stevenson is one of the best midfielders to come to Sydney from the U.K. Only recently, Stevenson's excellent displays brought reward when he was selected for the Australian X1 versus Greece in Melbourne. Age 23.*

**JOE WATSON** - winger or midfield. *A tricky, ball-playing creator, Watson has been on the fringe of international selection ever since arriving here from Scotland. When he's on song, Watson can be devastating, but consistency is not his strong suit. Age 26.*

**IAN SOUNESS** - midfield. *A British import, Souness has not been in Australia long but has already impressed. Previously played for the famous Chelsea club in London.*

**MURRAY BARNES** - midfield. *Australian-born Barnes is a giant of a man who has taken over the goalscoring midfield role from retired Ray Baartz at Hakoah. Selected several times for Australia, Barnes' chief virtue is a rocket shot. Age 24, he has been with Easts Hakoah for the past seven years. Also had a spell as apprentice, along with Kevin Mullen with Leeds United in England.*

**ERNIE CAMPBELL** - striker. *No need to introduce this player to Marconi fans. Ernie played a big part in many Marconi successes before being transferred this year to his present club. Honoured by Australia on many occasions and was in West Germany with the 1974 World Cup squad.*



**MARK TRENTER** - striker. Came to Australia only recently from Britain. Played in England for West Bromwich Albion reserves. His first few matches for Easts Hakoah suggest Trenter will be a useful acquisition.

**HILTON SILVA** - left-wing. Brazilian-born Silva is one of the trickiest ball players in the PSL. Also gets into dangerous positions to score vital goals. Age 27. Played for Vasco da Gama in his native country. Will take a lot of stopping today.

**TERRY SMITH** - centre-forward. This former Stock City professional came to Australia to play for Western Suburbs but was transferred from Wests to St. George and, subsequently, to Easts Hakoah. Has sound ball control and goalscoring ability. Very tall. Out of action for much of this season with a persistent injury.

**ALAN KERSHAW** - utility player. Now in his second season with Hakoah, Kershaw had U.K. experience with several clubs, including Dundee United and Southport. Age 24. Valuable player because he is able to play in defence, midfield or attack.

**BOBBY SMITH** - midfield. A hard-working midfield player with several first team appearances this year. Smith was born in Britain but was not brought to Australia by Hakoah. He walked into training one night and asked for a game, being signed soon after.

**TONY PEZZANO** - reserve goalkeeper. This youngster took over from injured Todd Clarke and, despite his lack of experience, coped well with the task. Has had many honours in junior Soccer. A teenager with bright hopes for the future.

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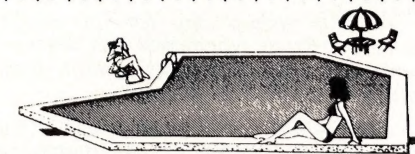
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## UNO PER UNO GLI AZZURRI

a cura di M. PAGNIN.

**ROBERTO VIERI E RAY RICHARDS** sono d'accordo

L'Italia ha praticato il gioco più bello Scirea, Causio e Rossi sono stati i migliori.

L'avventura mondiale è finita come tutti sapete. Il calcio però continua sempre avvincente sui campi australiani dove il Marconi sta cercando di rimanere in vetta fino alla fine e conquistare così il titolo.

Siamo andati a trovare due giocatori cosiddetti "anziani" del Marconi: **Roberto Vieri e Ray Richards** e con loro abbiamo avuto una piacevole chiacchierata parlando dei mondiali e del Marconi, ovviamente.

Abbiamo iniziato dapprima con **Roberto Vieri** al quale abbiamo fatto le seguenti domande le cui risposte pubblichiamo integralmente.

D.- Perché l'Italia non è riuscita a vincere il Mondiale, quando ormai c'è l'aveva a portata di mano?

R.- È mancata di esperienza nei momenti che contano, però è stata la squadra che ha fatto vedere in campo le cose più belle. È stata anche sfortunata (ha colpito 8 pali n.d.r.). La mentalità italiana, vecchia di vent'anni, è rimasta la stessa: fatto il gol difesa ad oltranza per difendere il vantaggio.

D.- Bearzot ha commesso qualche errore, secondo te?

R.- Uno grossissimo. Ha cambiato Causio con l'Olanda mettendo Claudio Sala. Non si cambia la squadra che vince 1-0 e inoltre non si fa debuttare ai mondiali un giocatore in una partita così importante.

D.- Chi ti ha deluso degli azzurri e chi ti ha, invece, impressionato?

R.- Scirea è stato il migliore in senso assoluto. Rossi e Cabrini nonostante la giovane età non si sono lasciati prendere dall'emozione. Della nazionale diventeranno due pedine fisse. Zoff è stato l'unico che mi ha deluso. Il primo gol con l'Olanda e il primo con il Brasile si potevano evitare.

D.- Riguardo le altre squadre quali ti hanno impressionato e quali deluso?

R.- Mi son piaciute Brasile e Argentina che ha vinto con merito anche se ha manipolato un pò i mondiali, non molto l'Olanda nella quale si è notata la mancanza di Cruyff, mentre mi ha oltremodo deluso la Germania. Non si può pretendere di sostituire in un solo colpo fuoriclasse come Beckenbauer, Muller, Breitner, Overath e Netzer.

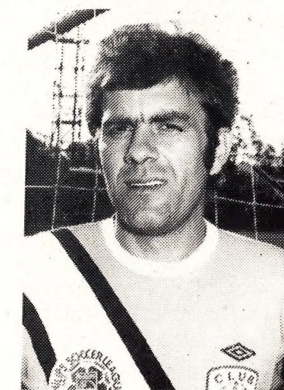
D.- Passiamo adesso al Marconi. Dopo il periodo, chiamiamolo, nero, pensi che il Marconi riesca a continuare il cammino in vetta fino alla fine?

R.- Se n'è andato Byrne ed è arrivato Ollerton che mi sembra il giocatore giusto per il Marconi. Bisognerà giungere al confronto con il West Adelaide con almeno un punto di vantaggio e non perdere nel confronto diretto e il campionato non dovrebbe sfuggirci.

D.- Cos'è cambiato nel Marconi rispetto all'anno scorso?

R.- Alcuni giocatori hanno fatto passi da gigante, dei notevoli progressi. Parlo ovviamente dei giovani Sharne, Degney, Mariani e Jankovics che avevo visto paio di volte con il St. George.

Quello che è migliorato di molto è il gioco. Si gioca finalmente al calcio seguendo schemi ben precisi.



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D.— Ti sei ormai ambientato, quindi pensi di stabilirti definitivamente in Australia?

R.— Per almeno 3—4 anni ho intenzione di restare. Quando finirò di giocare vorrei curare qualche vivaio giovanile. Ai ragazzini bisogna insegnare i rudimentali del calcio, come palleggiare, come stoppare la palla, a correre con la testa alta.

D.— Dato che hai toccato l'argomento dei vivai, cos'altro sarebbe necessario in Australia per migliorare il livello tecnico del calcio?

R.— Ci vogliono dei bravi allenatori, gente che sia vissuta o viva soltanto di calcio. Direttori sportivi, segretari a tempo pieno e naturalmente continuare ad importare buoni giocatori dall'Europa e per Europa non intendo solo l'Inghilterra e al Scozia, ma l'Italia, la Francia, la Germania, l'Olanda e i paesi dell'Est (Jugoslavia, Ungheria e Polonia).

D.— Come giudichi i campionati del Mondo appena conclusi?

R.— Secondo me l'Italia ha gettato al vento l'occasione buona per rivincere il Mondiale dopo 40 anni. L'Italia ha giocato il miglior calcio nel primo turno, mentre nella seconda fase ha mancato di carattere, un pò di fondo atletico e, ad essere onesti, è stata anche sfortunata in parecchie occasioni.

D.— In generale, quali squadre e quali giocatori ti hanno impressionato e, vice-versa, quali ti hanno deluso?

R.— La più grande delusione l'ho avuta dalla Germania: non si possono rimpiazzare campioni del calibro dei Beckenbauer, Overath, Breitner e compagnia. L'Olanda sul piano atletico è stata la migliore, ma si è visto nelle sue file la mancanza di un Cruyff. Ottimi Brasile e Argentina nelle cui file ho ammirato alcuni giocatori di alto livello tecnico: Dirceu tra i cariocas e Kempes e Passarella tra gli argentini. Qualcuno ha voluto paragonare Passarella a Beckenbauer, ma come il "Principe" tedesco c'è ne sono pochi. Il trio Causio, Rossi e Bettega ha esaltato tutti quanti con il suo stile di gioco. Mi sono piaciuti, tra gli italiani, anche Scirea e Benetti. Bearzot ha commesso un grosso errore a voler cambiare Causio con Claudio Sala nella partita con l'Olanda. Gli olandesi sono stati fortunati, ma hanno pagato la fortuna nella finale quando potevano vincere a pochi minuti dal termine (hanno colpito un palo).

L'Italia deve puntare su questa squadra per la prossima Coppa del Mondo nel 1982. Dovrà cambiare Zoff, Benetti e Bellugi e rivedere un pò la preparazione atletica.

R.— Credo di sì. Dopo la faccenda della Federazione, faccenda che ci è costata indirettamente l'eliminazione dalla Philips Cup, e l'arrivo di Ollerton con il quale ho avuto modo di giocare in nazionale, la squadra sta tornando quella di una volta. Se giungeremo al confronto diretto con il West Adelaide con almeno un punto di vantaggio il campionato non ci sfuggirà. Abbiamo alcuni problemi ancora: Jones non completamente ristabilito, Jankovics non ancora a posto e Byrne che è andato in Germania. Gary è un giocatore difficile da sostituire. Mi auguro che abbia successo in Germania, ma secondo me avrebbe dovuto anticipare la sua avventura europea di alcuni anni.

R.— Se non fossi troppo preso dai miei impegni di lavoro giocherei fino a quaranta anni, ma penso che se vincerò il campionato con il Marconi appenderò definitivamente al chiodo le scarpe e mi dedicherò all'attività di allenatore.

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R.— Direi 60% al Marconi e 40% al West Adelaide. Vorrei ringraziare i tifosi per l'appoggio ricevuto durante la stagione. Il pubblico è stato meraviglioso e ci ha aiutato molto, specialmente nei momenti difficili.

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## THE BLUES - One by One

Ray Richards and Roberto Vieri were interviewed by Maurizio Pagnin, those interviews being featured in this programme in the Italian language. Here is a translation of their comments :

**RAY RICHARDS :** Looking first at the World Cup in Argentina, Richards thought it would have been won by Italy if the Italians had fought for 90 minutes in each game. He said Italy were unlucky in at least two important matches. He also believes that if Italy's manager Enzo Bearzot can keep his squad together for the next few years, Italy could win the European Championship and the 1982 World Cup.

Richards, though, pointed out that his pre-Cup tip was Argentina - mainly because playing at home gave them a big advantage. Ray described the tournament as a World Cup without true stars. For instance, you cannot mention a player like Kempes in the same breath as Pele. And Brazil had only two outstanding performers, Rivelino and Dirceu.

Turning to the Philips Soccer League, Richards is hoping Marconi will win the title but the absence of players like Gary Byrne, Barry Jones and Mark Jankovics has made Marconi's task harder than expected. Peter Ollerton is a good player and his signing should strengthen the front line. Richards wishes Byrne all the very best in Europe but feels Gary may have left it too late to gatecrash the best league in the world in his middle 20's.

Talking about age, Richards doesn't want to put a date on his own retirement but said : "If Marconi win the PS� this year, I'll quit. If not, I may move on to another club. But for me, Marconi is the finest football club in Australia."

Richards ended the interview by thanking the Marconi supporters for their wonderful encouragement this season, and predicting : "We have a 60 percent chance of the championship with West Adelaide a 40 percent chance. Much will depend on today's game against Sydney City."

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**ROBERTO VIERI :** Like Ray Richards, Vieri kicked off by discussing the World Cup in Argentina. He said : "Italy had the best team in the Cup but failed because they lacked experience. They have been schooled for so many years in defensive football. The players - particularly the young ones - tend to surrender the initiative by playing defensively after taking the lead. Italy's young players have picked up bad habits in their formative years and cannot get out of their defensive thinking."

Vieri criticised Enzo Bearzot for the substitution of Causio with Sala in the match against Holland. Cabrini, Rossi and Scirea were all impressive in Vieri's opinion.

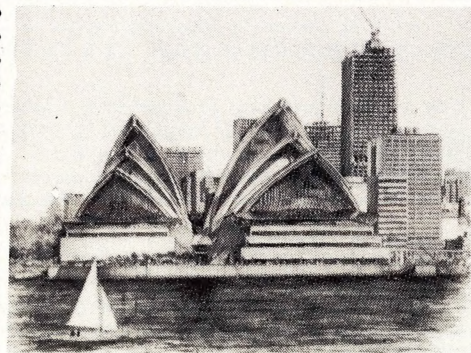
Roberto Vieri described Brazil as a good team but lacking stars and said the biggest disappointment of the whole tournament was West Germany.

Vieri is confident Marconi will win the Philips League this year but admits he is a little afraid of the challenge from West Adelaide. He said : "The signing of Peter Ollerton and the settlement of the Sharne-Degney affair should just sway things in Marconi's direction in our remaining games."

The former Bologna midfielder wants to spend another two years in Australia. He believes Australia needs a top class professional coach looking after the national team and helping young players develop. He also thinks imported stars are still necessary - plus top quality administrators.

Vieri says Marconi have improved a lot in the past 12 months, with young locals, including Degney, Sharne and Jankovics, embracing modern styles of Soccer.





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## CLUB NEWS from MARCONI

*It has always been Marconi club policy to release players who wish to travel overseas to further their Soccer careers. We will never stand in the way of players who want to try their luck as full-time professionals in Europe or anywhere else.*

*Marconi demonstrated this by releasing Raul Carrizo, Rene Colusso, Mike Micevski and, now, Gary Byrne. We did not want to lose four such talented players over a period of two years but felt it was the correct decision.*

*Having said that, Marconi must make it clear that we are unhappy about a statement in one paper suggesting Gary Byrne was going to Germany on a free transfer. The story indicated no transfer fee would be received if Byrne settled overseas.*


*Nothing could be further from the truth. Gary Byrne is a signed and contracted player with Marconi for 1978 and 1979. This club has given him every opportunity to develop his career in another country ... but Byrne is not a free agent. In fact he will get a fixed percentage of the transfer fee if, and when, he is signed by a team in Europe. That hardly indicates there will be no transfer involved!*

*This is Gary Byrne's eighth year with Marconi. Last week, he had a splendid send-off from his team mates, who stripped him and gave him a mudbath after training! They also gave Gary a pen as a farewell present and Rale Rasic on behalf of the club, thanked him for all he had done for Marconi.*

*Gary Byrne left this club on the best of terms. And he promised: "If I do return to Australia, Marconi is the only team I want to play for."*

*By the way, you can ignore a story that Peter Sharne is also about to leave for overseas. Peter has a five years contract and, on top of that, hasn't the slightest desire to play football abroad.*

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Our new signing, Peter Ollerton, is selling his home in Melbourne and hopes to take up permanent residence in Sydney within the next couple of weeks.

It is good to have such a player in our side, and "big Ollie" deserves a pat on the back for his contribution to the 3 - 0 win in Brisbane in his debut game.

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Nice to see old player - not so old! - Renato Colusso in our club recently. Rene will always be most welcome at Marconi, even though he left us to get into big time in Italy. Rene asked if he could train with our players: we would also like him to play for Marconi. But there are problems. He is here essentially for a holiday and it's not much of a holiday if you get caught up in the stresses and strains of the Philips League.

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Our injured full-back Barry Jones played last week in the reserve team and came through well. Barry should be back in the first team very soon.

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Marconi Ladies team travelled to Brisbane to play against a Brisbane Rep. side at Perry Park as curtain-raiser to the Brisbane City v Marconi PSL match.

The girls travelled by train, sitting up all night, and still managed to win the next day 2 - 0. They were about the only spectators cheering for Marconi against Brisbane City. Thanks, girls, for everything.



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Soccer chairman (Mao) Tony Labbozzetta is due back from Argentina any day where he said the atmosphere at the World Cup final was indescribable - the greatest he has ever experienced.

Thanks for the post cards, Tony. We all look forward to your guest appearance as speaker on the World Cup.

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FITZROY	7	7	4	29	25	21
STH. MELBOURNE	7	7	4	25	21	21
BRISBANE LIONS	6	8	4	25	24	20
E.S. HAKOAH	7	5	5	31	19	19
ADELAIDE CITY	7	4	7	27	25	18
WEST. SUBURBS	6	5	7	32	35	17
FOOTSCRAY	5	6	7	17	22	16
NEWCASTLE KB UNITED	4	7	7	24	30	15
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	5	8	24	32	15
BRISBANE CITY	6	2	9	21	28	14
ST. GEORGE BSC	5	2	11	21	29	12
CANBERRA CITY	1	10	7	18	31	12

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## LEADING GOAL SCORERS:

EATON (West. Suburbs)	10
BODEN (Newcastle KB United)	8
CAMPBELL (Fitzroy)	8
COLE (Fitzroy)	8
FISHER (West. Suburbs)	8
GRUICIC (Can. City)	8
JANKOVICS (Marconi)	8
VIERI (Marconi)	8
O'CONNOR (St. George)	7
OLLERTON (Marconi)	7

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